

REMARKS

In the Office Action, claims 17, 18, 22 and 27 were allowed. Claims 1-4, 6-13, 15, 16 and 19-21 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Kritzer (U.S. Pat. No. 6,382,358) in view of Fitzroy (U.S. Pat. No. 289,905). Claim 25 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Kritzer in view of Fitzroy, as applied to claim 1 above, and further in view of Green (U.S. Pat. No. 5,967,443). Claim 26 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Kritzer in view of Fitzroy, as applied to claim 1 above, and further in view of Fang et al. (GB Pub. No. 2285035).

Applicant would like to thank Examiner Pico and Supervisory Examiner Cuomo for the consideration given applicant's attorney at the interview of August 24, 2007. At the interview, agreement was reached with respect to the claims to place the claims in condition for allowance.

In response to the informalities noted by the Examiner, claims 1 and 17 have been amended. Accordingly, in view of the indication of the allowability of claims 17, 18, 22 and 27, it is respectfully submitted that the application is now in condition for allowance.

Based on the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the claims in the present application, as they now stand, patentably distinguish

over the references cited and applied by the Examiner and are, therefore, in condition for allowance. A Notice of Allowance is in order, and such favorable action and reconsideration are respectfully requested.

However, if after reviewing the above amendments and remarks, the Examiner has any questions or comments, he is cordially invited to contact the undersigned attorneys.

Respectfully submitted,

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